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FROM : Chief, Special Security Division
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GENERAL:

1. Final authority and responsibility relating to Official Cover has not yet been delegated. As requested by the Inspector General, the Chief, Cover Branch, SSD, and the Chief, Liaison Control Branch, FI, conferred regarding Official Cover responsibilities and each drafted a separate proposed Agency Regulation concerning these responsibilities. The Inspector General is presently studying the facts involved and the recommendations concerning Official Cover, and his decision as to the placing of authority and responsibility is awaited.

2. Other major items involving the Cover Branch during the month of June included:

a. Establishment of emergency communication channels between Security Office representatives and two overseas locations and Headquarters.

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4. Particularly noteworthy during June were several requests from other parts of the Agency for assistance in locating missing employees, locating lost credentials, and other security problems. All such requests were handled on a priority basis and in each case the assignment was accomplished without a security mishap.

5. A survey of the information obtained as a result of RI checks reflects the following interesting statistics. In covert cases, RI files are pulled in one of every two cases. Positive identifiable information is obtained and a report is written in one of every three covert cases. In overt cases, however, only one of every five RI checks produces positive information.

INVESTIGATIVE:

1. The attached chart, Tab A, covers the period of 1 January 1953 to 30 June 1953. It reflects the total overt and covert cases pending, the total cases received, and the total cases closed.

a. The total cases pending on 30 June 1953 were 3007, a decrease of 3.6% since 31 May 1953 when 3122 cases were pending.

b. The total cases received increased 10.2% in June over May 1953 (from 1428 to 1575 cases). This reversed a downward trend begun in March 1951.

c. A significant note this month is that the total finals submitted increased 26% over May 1953 (1588 in May; 1889 in June). This is the highest number of finals of any month on record. This was accomplished although the average number of agents available in the Field this month, 128, was less than it has been during the past six months, with the exception of one month when 127 agents were available.

d. A second most significant note this month is that the total cases over 90 days old is at the lowest point of any month on record. They dropped from 206 cases at the end of May to 67 at the end of June. The next lowest point on record was 158 cases in March 1952. The chart, Tab B,

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reflects that the 90-day old cases have dropped sharply and continuously since February 1953, when there were 193 cases pending.

2. The attached chart, Tab C, compares the total pending open and covert cases for the period 1 October 1952 to 30 June 1953.

3. Graph I, Tab E, reflects receipts, completions and pending assignments of investigations in the Special Referral Branch. All such assignments are now being handled on a 30-day basis.

4. Graph II, Tab E, reflects outside Agency checks.

5. Graph III, Tab E, sets forth June statistics on OR checks.

SUPPORT:

1. The number of countries visited by agents of the Security Office in rendering service and support to other segments of the Agency has now reached 26 foreign countries. In the course of such service, two agents recently completed a support mission which took $7\frac{1}{2}$ weeks and involved a complete encirclement of the globe.

2. At the request of the Office of Training, a representative of the Cover Branch recently delivered a talk on the subject of cover and security at the Basic Intelligence Course attended by approximately one hundred persons. At the close of the lecture, advice was given to fifteen persons in regard to their individual cover problems.

TRAINING:

1. Three supervisors of the Operations Branch are studying foreign languages through materials provided by the Language Service Division and Language Laboratories Facilities. Three other supervisors are currently taking an extended course at a local Washington educational institution on the general subjects "World Communism" and "Soviet Russia".

2. An agent assigned to Operations Branch is currently enrolled in the five weeks Operational Training Course. He is the second agent in the Branch to take this course. A representative of the Branch completed a three-weeks Administrative Support Course.

3. An agent of Operations Branch has started a fourteen-weeks training course under Agency auspices at the CIC training facility at Camp Holabird, Baltimore, Maryland.

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4. The Chief of the Special Security Division lectured at the three-week Administrative Support Course sponsored jointly by DD/P and DD/A.

PERSONNEL:


1. June was the first month that total entrance on duty exceeded resignations and transfers. Four professional and seven clerical employees entered on duty while two professional and seven clerical employees resigned or transferred -- or a net gain of two.

2. Plans toward maintaining a two-person night-shift in the Covert Record Section are nearing completion. By means of this night-shift it will be possible to keep filing current which will greatly facilitate processing of cases during the regular working day.

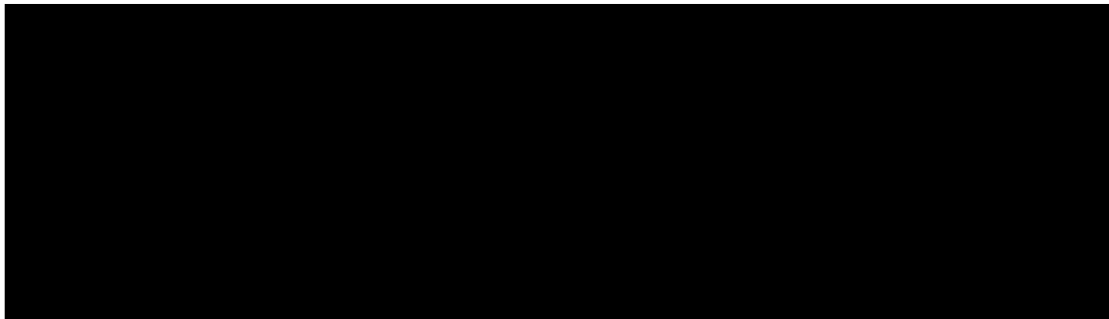
INSIDE SSD:

1. Tab D provides geographic illustrations of the current investigative and support facilities established and maintained by the Security Office to support all overt, semi-covert and covert activities of the Central Intelligence Agency.

2. The shaded areas on this map portray the geographic jurisdiction of the various Field Offices. The symbols within these shaded areas indicate the type of coverage as explained by the legend of the map.

3. In addition to the above, coverage has also been extended to  and, dependent upon requirements, will possibly be extended to all territories and possessions of the United States.

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